

Postdive Procedures

General

The employer should comply with the following requirements, which are applicable after each diving operation.

Precautions

After the completion of any dive, the designated person-in-charge (DPIC) of the divers should:

- Check the physical condition* of the diver;
*Assessment of physical condition may include an on-site medical screening for blood pressure, EKG strip and pulse.
- Instruct the diver to report any physical problems or adverse physiological effects including symptoms of decompression sickness; and
- Alert the diver to the potential hazards of flying after diving.

For any dive outside the no-decompression limits, or deeper than 100 feet, the employer should monitor the diver for at least one hour after the dive to insure he or she remains awake.

After the completion of a dive, each diver should perform an equipment check and report any problems or malfunctions to the diving supervisor. Any defective equipment should be tagged and removed from service until repaired and tested by a qualified person.

Record of Dive

The following information should be recorded and maintained for each diving operation:

- Names of dive team members;
- Date, time and location;
- Diving modes used;
- General nature of work performed;
- Approximate underwater and surface conditions (visibility, water temperature and current); and
- Maximum depth and bottom time for each diver, including repetitive dives.

For each dive outside the no-decompression limits deeper than 100 feet, the following additional information should be recorded and maintained:

- Depth time and breathing gas profiles;
- Decompression table designation (including modification); and
- Elapsed time since last pressure exposure if less than 24 hours or repetitive dive designation for each diver.

For each dive in which decompression sickness is suspected or symptoms are evident, the following additional information should be recorded and maintained:

- Description of decompression sickness symptoms (including depth and time of onset) and
- Description and results of treatment.